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In re application of:

Arne Sele, et al.

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Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time from November 6, 2003 to December 6, 2003 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page of this paper.